

ROCK FALL BURIES 3 MEN IN JERSEY

Quarry Wall Gives Way in
Riverdale—Police Dig for
Two Trapped Victims

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RIVERDALE, N. J., June 18.—Three men were buried alive today in a rock slide in a quarry here. One was known to be dead and the two others were presumed to be.

Many tons of rock in huge blocks cascaded upon the men from the face of a sheer man-made cliff in the side of a small mountain. A fourth man barely escaped.

The two missing men were the crew of a power shovel that was engaged in loading rock onto trucks. The man who was killed, Wallace Van Orden, 30 years old, of Bloomingdale, was driving his truck toward the shovel to be loaded. The fourth man was driving a loaded truck away. He was Richard Van Zile, 35, of Butler.

The shovel crewmen were said to have been Charles Baldwin, 50, of Cedar Grove, the operator, and Grant Harris, of Pompton Lakes, an oiler.

The state police said that positive identification could not be made until the men were found. Because of the weight of rock to be moved, this might not be until tomorrow morning, the police said.

The slide occurred at 1:40 P. M. This evening rescue workers cut away the cab of Mr. Van Orden's truck and recovered his body. The rest of the truck was still under rocks that had cascaded down in the slide.

The quarry is operated by the Pompton Crushed Stone Com-

pany and is on Hamburg Turnpike in Riverdale, which is near Pompton Lakes. The trapped men were working at the base of a U-shaped cliff resembling an amphitheatre with walls rising almost vertically to a height of more than 100 feet.

Brooklyn Jury Acts

A Kings County grand jury began yesterday a full investigation of the circumstances surrounding the Williamsburg cave-in that caused the death of six children on June 12.

During the session, Chief Assistant District Attorney J. Kenneth McCabe questioned Deputy Chief Inspector William G. Kimmins, in charge of detectives for the Brooklyn-East, and two unidentified policemen. Mr. McCabe said that Inspector Kimmins had charge of the police detail at the scene of the tragedy.

Mr. McCabe said there would be another jury session Wednesday. He said he expected to call the parents of the six victims. The children had been suffocated when tons of earth engulfed them. The sand and gravel had been excavated at a point near Marcy Avenue and Grand Street Extension, Brooklyn, to make way for the construction of a section of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway.

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